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The Resource Center has published a new report detailing the network of private groups assisting the Nicaraguan contras. The New Right Humanitarians is a 70-page booklet that surveys the origins and current operations of these groups. The New Right Humanitarians focuses on the following ways these private, often tax-exempt organizations support the Reegan administration's policies in Central America:

- \* Formulating a popular ideology of counterrevolution.
- \* Providing non-lethal aid for pacification programs; last of

\*Supplying mercenaries and military equipment and training. 6.3 revolutionary forces.

The report reveals "the close links among private groups and the military and intelligence agencies." Rather than an independent expression of U.S. political sentiment, "the private supply lines to Central America are closely coordinated with the U.S. government's own counterinsurgency apparatus in the region."

Private organizations are an important source of aid not only for the contras but also for the pacification and civic action programs of the armies of El Salvador and Guatemala. The private counterrevolutionary campaign plays an integral part of covert war and psychological operations in the region.

Prominent in this metwork are many military and CIA figures who have specialized in unconventional warfare, covert operations, and military civic action programs. The campaign to aid the contras has created a dangerous coalition of bandline anticommunists, militarists, mercenaries, and New Right leaders that operate in tandem with officials from the Pentagon, CIA, and National Security Council. This coalition currently focuses on support for the Nicaraguan contras, but this web of connections could be tapped for other foreign or possibly domestic ventures.

The so-called "humanitarian assistance" and "non-lethal aid" being distributed has contributed to continued terrorism and military repression in Central America.

The authors of the New Right Humanitarians are Tom Barry, Deb Preusch, and Beth Sims, all of whom are staff members of the Resource Center. The Resource Center is a non-profit educational organization that produces books, reports, and audio-visuals on Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The report is avaiable from the Resource Center for \$5, or at a discounted price of \$4 for orders of five or more.

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Moffit (founding director and former Senior Legislative Assistant for Foreign Affairs), Gordon Sunner (chair, principal adviser of the Presidential Bipartisan Committee on Latin American Affairs), Andy Messing, Francis Graves (Republican National Committee).

Founded in 1976 and now claiming 70,000 members, this influential group has provided both policy and policymakers to the Reagan administration. CIS sponsors educational programs, seminars, conferences, briefing sessions, and public information campaigns on defense-related issues.

One of its reports, A New Inter American Policy for the Eighties, known as the Santa-Fe Document, contributed to the foundation of Reagan administration policies in Central America. Written by CIS members L. Frances Bouchey, Roger Fontaine, David Jordan, Gordon Sunner, and Lewis Cambe, the report claimed that the United States was "engaged in World War III," and reminded its readers that "in war there is no substitute for victory." Describing Central America as "the soft underbelly of the United States," the report called for restoration of the Monroe Doctrine as the basis of U.S. policy in the region. recommended increased military ties with "friendly" Central American governments, the provision of military training and assistance programs, and both technical and psychological assistance programs to help those countries fight "terrorism."

CIS members have called for the removal of the Sandinista government in Managua. Executive Vice-President Bouchey has said there is "no long-term possibility for peace" as long as the Sandinistas are in power. He says he wants "the administration and Congress to do whatever is necessary to remove the Sandinista regime." Bouchey is one of several CIS members who have formed connections with other rightwing groups. Organizer and chair for several CAUSA conferences (See CAUSA profile in Part Three), he was commissioned by the Reverend Sum Myung Moon's World Media, Conference to prepare and present a content analysis" of the New York Times and Washington Post coverage of U.S. policy in El Salvador.

Top CIS officials "shuttle to and from ke policy-making and advisory roles" in the administration. Lewis Tambs, for instance served as a consultant to the Nationa Security Council and is now ambassador to Costa Rica. Gordon Sunner, former chair of the Inter-American Defense Board, acted as special consultant to the State Department's Bureau of Inter-American Affairs Patrick J. Buchanan became Reagan's communications director, and the ubiquitous Roger Fontaine, who also has ties to the Moor organization, served as Latin America specialist for the National Security Council.

In March 1985, the Council held a "Nicaraguan Freedom Gala," at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. The event, which raised \$8000 for the anti-Sandinista rebels, featured contra leaders Fernando Chamorro and Steadman Fagoth. CIS planned to use some of the money for radio spots featuring excerpts from a speech by President Reagan which called for aid to the contras. The rest of the money waused to produce a TV documenta. "Central America: Before It's Too and to conduct a media blitz of 50 congressional districts whose elected representatives were considered swing votes on the contra issue. The Council also promoted the "Shoe Boxes for Liberty" campaign through its newsletter, West Watch.

Council for National Policy (CNP)

Principals: (See box)

CHILCH DONE More than any other group, CNP represents the entire spectrum of the New Right, bringing together corporate executives, religious leaders, legislators, former high government and military figures, and activists. CNP, an elite New Right policy formulation group, was formed in 1981 by Nelson Bunker Hunt, Herbert Hunt, and another Texas millionaire T. Cullen Davis. It is a highly secretive group of 200 members that discusses public policy issues at quarterly meetings. Officers and members include many wealthy business owners, five congressional representatives, numerous state and local government officials, representatives of other New Right organi-

zations, and right-wing religious leaders. OVP does not take public stands on policy issues but uses its vast influence network to effect policy changes. A key power base for the New Right, ONP draws its members from the Sunbelt states with 20 percent hailing from Texas. ONP serves as a fundraising network for the FDN and General Singlaub. The Council invited Adolfo Calero of the FDN to speak to the group in January 1984, giving the contras valuable contacts among the New Right.

Accuracy in Media, and L. Francis Bouchey of the Council for Inter-American Security. Members of the El Salvador committee in-Sam Dickens of New World Dynamic, Andy Messing of the National Defense-Council, Reed Irvine, and Richard Araujo of the Heritage Foundation. Moser is the author of book published by the Free Congress Foundation entitled Combat on Communist Territory, which examines anticommunist insurgencies around the world and makes policy recommendations on U.S. support for those forces.

MERODOW Free Congress Foundation (FRF)

Paul Weyrich (president), Principals: Charles Moser (secretary-treasurer), Kathleen Teague (chair), Senator William Armstrong (director).

In 1974, New Right activists Paul Weyrich and Joseph Coors created the Committee for the Survival of a Free Convress (CSFC) as a conservative political action committee. CSFC recently underwent a name change and is now the Free Congress Foundation. Like its predecessor, the Free Congress Foundation is dedicated to the election of conservative leaders to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. The Free Congress Foundation provides financial assistance to candidates, offers tactical advice and services to candidates during the campaigns, and works with members of Congress on key legislative proposals. its days as the CSFC, the group provided campaign funding to right-wing senators Jesse Helms and Orrin Hatch. It also trained over 7000 workers for Jerry Fal-well's Moral Majority, Phyllis Schlafly's Fagle Forum, and various right-to-life and anti-union campaigns.

The Free Congress Foundation promotes the concept of anti-Soviet liberation movements and freedom fighters. In September 1982, Charles Moser formulated a plan to form a network of six national support committees for these movements in Afghanistan, Angola, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Kampuchea, and Vietnam. Members of the Nicaraguan committee included Danifefferman of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, Reed Invine of the Council for the Defense of Freedom and

Principals: Jack Wheeler, Mike Kelly (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manpower for Air Force), Alex Alexiev (National Security Division of Rand Corporation).

FRF provides public relations and networking services for third-world anticommunist groups like the contras. For six months in 1983, Wheeler, self-described adventurerphilosopher, traveled with "anti-soviet liberation movements" in Nicaragua, Afghanistan and Angola as a guest from the rightwing Reason Foundation of Santa Barbara, California. Wheeler, who founded Freedom Research Foundation with the help of The Conservative Caucus, described his travel in front-page accounts in the Washington Times, owned by CAUSA.

Heritage Foundation
Washington, DC

Principals: Edwin J. Feulner, Jr. (president), William F. Simon (trustee), Joseph Coors (trustee), Lewis Jehrman (trustee), W. Bruce Weinrod, (Director of Foreign Policy and Defense Studies), J. Robert Fluor (trustee), <u>Jack Wilson</u> (trustee and Coor's personal aide), Frank Snakespeare, Richard Mellon Scaife.

This "aggressively conservative" think tank is another offspring of right-wing duo Joseph Coors and Paul Weurich. Richard Mellon Scaife has been its principal funder. Funds for this New Right think tank also come from Dart Industries, Getty Oil, Bechtel, and the Readers Digest Association. Founded in 1973, the Heritage Foundation is a public policy research insti-